

FAQs
Advanced Education Nursing Traineeship (AENT) Program
Fiscal Year 2016 Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA)
HRSA-16-071

Application Submission

1. When is the HRSA-16-071 funding opportunity submission due date?

The application submission due date is February 15, 2016, 11:59pm EST.

2. How do I access the HRSA-16-071 funding opportunity application?

HRSA *requires* all applicants to apply electronically through Grants.gov. Applicants must download the SF-424 R&R application package associated with this FOA by following the directions provided at www.Grants.gov. Applicants are responsible for reading and complying with the instructions included in HRSA's *SF-424 R&R Application Guide* as well as the instructions in the FOA. Section 4 of HRSA's *SF-424 R&R Application Guide* provides instructions for the budget, budget justification, staffing plan and personnel requirements, assurances, certifications, and abstract.

Modified Application Instructions

The following are the comments entered by the Grantor Agency for the application package change:

"Modified December 22, 2015 - The Grants.gov application package was changed on 12/22/15. All applicants must re-download and submit using the new application package. Grants.gov will not accept your submission using the previous package. "

If you plan to submit using PDF, some of the changes made for this package require that you re-download the new application package at <http://www.grants.gov/applicants/download-application-package.html?oppId=220028&fromEmail=true>.

3. Is the HRSA-16-071 funding opportunity open to new applicants only, or will the funding be available to previous AENT program recipients?

The HRSA-16-071 funding opportunity for fiscal year 2016 will be accepting "new" applications only. Current or previous applicants must submit a new application that is solely based on this HRSA-16-071 funding opportunity guidelines. There is no preference given to previous AENT program recipients.

4. Are applicants required to submit an application annually?

HRSA makes a determination on the funding guidelines each year. Application requirements will be based on future year's funding opportunity announcement.

Applicant Eligibility

5. Who is eligible to apply for the HRSA-16-071 funding opportunity?

Eligible applicants are education programs that provide registered nurses with full-time nurse practitioner or nurse midwife education, and are accredited by; the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education or the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing and for nurse-midwife programs, accreditation is required from the Accreditation Commission for Midwifery Education of the American College of Nurse-Midwives. For other eligibility information please see Section III, page 4 of the FOA.

6. Can a Project Director (PD) charge time toward this grant.

No. This grant can only be used for traineeship support, stipend and an 8% indirect cost allocation that is applicable to stipends only.

7. Does the Project Director have to be a doctorally prepared with a PhD degree or can they have a DNP degree.

The Project Director can be either a PHD or a DNP.

8. Can the Project Director be doctorally prepared with a PhD in Nursing *but not nationally certified*?

If the proposed Project Director is not a "nationally" certified Advance Practice Registered Nurse (APRN), Nurse Practitioner (NP) or Nurse Midwife, it does not preclude an applicant from applying, however, documentation must be provided to support this decision.

9. Does the program have to lead to a Masters or Doctoral degree or is the post masters' certificate allowed?

Yes. The post masters certificate is allowed and is supported by AENT funds.

Use of AENT Funds

10. How can AENT funds be used?

AENT funds must be used to provide traineeship awards to full-time nurse practitioner students who are enrolled in an accredited graduate-level Primary Care Nurse Practitioner or Nurse Midwife program. Funds may only be used for:

- Required books/e-Books
- Tuition and fees
- Stipends (reasonable living expenses).

Can AENT funds be used to support both full time and part time students? Is there a maximum traineeship award amount for full-time and part-time students?

Yes. AENT fund may be used to support eligible both full-time and part-time student trainee is Traineeship awards must not exceed \$22,000 per trainee per year per full-time student or \$11,000 for part-time trainees annually.

NOTE: Funding for part-time students is restricted to trainees in their last twelve (12) months of training. AENT award funds may be used only to support traineeships awarded under the Terms of the NoA.

11. What is the maximum number of months a trainee can receive AENT support?

Trainee may be appointed at the beginning of any academic period, including a summer session, which falls within the budget period specified by the current Notice of Award (NoA). Any new (see program definitions in Section VIII, of FOA) appointment must be made for a period of not less than nine months and must not exceed 12 months. The only exception to the minimum appointment is to allow a student to complete the program.

12. Will the trainee receive the award for the cumulative maximum months of support or do we have to apply for the AENT Program each year?

Yes. The trainee may receive the cumulative maximum months of support based on their status (full time or part time) for the project period awarded, and new applications must be submitted annually in accordance with the institutions policy.

13. Do we have to submit a budget with our application?

Award recipients must submit a budget with the SF 424 R&R, and a disbursement plan according to the instructions in section iii, page 13-15 and Table 2A (Year 1 only) of the FOA.

Programmatic Requirements

I. Funding Factors

14. What are special consideration and funding preference?

A ‘*special consideration*’ shall be given to applicants who will “expend the award to train advanced education nurses who will practice in health professional shortage areas (HPSAs) designated under section 332 of the PHS Act.” (at least 40% of graduates supported by AENT traineeships during FY 2014-2015 must be employed in HPSAs.) Applicants that meet the special consideration will be awarded two points. (Data collected from table 1B). See page 26 of the FOA.

‘*Funding Preference*’ means the authorizing legislation provides a funding preference for applicants with “projects that will substantially benefit rural or underserved populations, or help meet public health nursing needs in State or local health departments.”

To be considered for a funding preference, HRSA requires that applicants specifically request the preference in the Project Abstract and complete Table 1A: Graduate Data - Rural, Underserved, or Public Health (7/01/2014 - 6/30/2015) with complete and accurate data. For additional information please see Section 2, page 25 of the FOA and; Table 2A- AENT Enrollment, Traineeship Support Projected Data – Master’s and Post-Master’s Certificate Data Table 2B – AENT Enrollment, Traineeship Support Projected Data – Doctoral Data. Please follow the instructions on pages 45-46 of the FOA. It is important that you document your Trainee numbers projections.